



State of California - The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
**2014 GRIZZLY ISLAND TULE ELK APPRENTICE HUNT**  
**[www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/elk/](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/elk/)**



Congratulations on receiving a tag for the Grizzly Island Tule Elk Hunt. This letter contains information regarding your hunt.

**General Information:** The hunt area is the land owned and managed by the Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) as the Grizzly Island Wildlife Area. Visit the above website address for specific zone regulations (hunt zone map, description, and harvest success information can also be viewed at this address).

All elk tag recipients must attend a **MANDATORY** hunter orientation meeting. Orientation meetings will be held at the "elk pen" camping area. Look for the "Elk Orientation" sign at Parking Lot #2 across the road from the CDFW corporation yard. The orientation meeting will occur at **5:00 p.m.** on the day before your hunt period begins. **Please bring your firearm with the ammunition you plan to use to the orientation for inspection.** Elk tags must be validated by a person designated in Section 708, California Hunting Regulations for Mammals and Furbearers.

Apprentice tag holders are **REQUIRED** to have one non-hunter chaperone accompany them into the hunt area as well as attend the hunter orientation. The non-hunting companion may not carry or handle any firearms.

For those who have access to a computer and a high speed internet connection, the Department has an interactive mapping program which allows you to zoom in to the 7.5 minute topographical maps. The program website is **<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/biogeodata/gis/imaps.asp>**.

Tule elk are **heavy bodied animals** requiring traditional large caliber rifles and accurate bullet placement for quick, clean kills. Sight-in firearms **PRIOR** to the hunt. There is no shooting range to test fire your rifle. There are experienced CDFW personnel available to discuss appropriate equipment and cartridge selection for this hunt.

In most situations Department staff will retrieve the animal from the field with an atv and trailer. When an animal is harvested and you have tagged the animal call CDFW personnel and they will meet you at your location to transport the animal back to the elk pen area. Department staff will usually be able to retrieve the animal back to base camp to take measurements and record the weight of the animal.

Please be aware that some units may be flooded for waterfowl use during your hunt and it is advised that you bring waders in case an animal is taken or expires in a flooded field. It is up to the hunter to find the elk and get it as close as possible to a levee for retrieval. In some situations it may not be possible for Department staff to retrieve the elk from the field at which point it will be the hunters responsibility to retrieve the elk (or elk parts) to a location which Department staff can reach with the atv and trailer.

**Scouting:** Tag recipients will be allowed to scout the hunt area through the Sunday (July 27, 2014) prior to the fund raising tag hunt (August 2, 2014). After July 27 the wildlife area will be closed to general public access, and pre-hunt scouting will be allowed for tag holders by

arrangement only. Have your tag in possession while scouting. To arrange for scouting after the wildlife area closure (July 27, 2014), call (707) 425-3828.

**Access:** Tag holders and their one non-hunting companion will be allowed to drive their vehicles on designated roads to the various parking areas and campsite/animal processing area. Designated roads are: Grizzly Island Road, Red House Road, and Pole Line Road. No motorized vehicles are allowed off designated roads in the hunt area.

Tag holders will be allowed to camp (no hook-ups) with self-contained travel trailer, motor home, camper, camp trailer, or tent at the “elk pen” camping area. This is also the designated animal processing area. Campfires and/or charcoal barbecues are **NOT** allowed (portable gas stoves only).

Visit the above website address for specific zone regulations (hunt zone map, description, and harvest success information can also be viewed at this address). All successful tule elk hunters are required to have their tags validated.

**Collars:** Please note that some of the elk within the hunt area have been fitted with radio collars. The data we are gathering is critical to the management of this herd. In the event that you harvest a collared animal, please contact Mr. Joe Hobbs (916) 445-9992 or Grizzly Island Wildlife Area staff (707) 425-3828 immediately so the Department can make arrangements to obtain the collar. In order to prevent the loss of data it is important that we are contacted as soon as possible.

**Remember all hunters MUST report to the Department within one week after the close of elk season, REGARDLESS if an elk was taken, either through mailing in the tag or the new online reporting system outlined below.**

Due to mandatory harvest reporting for all big-game species the Department offers an internet reporting option for hunters to submit big game tag report card information. For the 2014 hunting season, both successful and unsuccessful hunters will be able to report their hunt results online via the Department’s online license service at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols/>. Log on to the Online License Sales and Service, and then click on Harvest Reporting in the top section. Hunters submitting reports online will receive a report confirmation number and will not have to mail in the report card. The Department encourages all hunters (including those who were unsuccessful or who had a tag but did not hunt) to use this service to meet their respective reporting requirements. Accurate harvest information is a crucial element in developing population estimates and the resulting tag quotas as well as in assessing the performance of current hunt programs and in the development of new opportunities. An online reporting option will provide that information in a timelier, more convenient manner.

**Tooth Collection:** The Department is collecting teeth from animals taken by hunters for age analysis. Successful hunters should follow directions on the tooth envelope (included with this flyer) to remove the two front teeth (and only the two front teeth, please do not send in sections of the jaw) and submit them to the Department. Please do **not** wrap teeth in plastic or foil. The Department will post the age analysis results at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/elk> for hunters that submit teeth from their hunt. The age of your animal can be found by using your GO ID number. Please note that these results may not be available until **December** of the following year (2015).

**Care of Meat:** An animal processing area will be established at the elk holding pen site for successful hunters to hang, skin, and/or butcher their elk for transportation off the wildlife area. Any biological samples to be collected from the animals will be done at this site. A scale will be provided to record carcass weight. If possible, please bring in the entire carcass of the elk (ungutted). It is the hunter's responsibility to make sure all useable meat is taken from the animal. This includes back straps, tenderloins, hams, neck meat, rib skirt, and any other portion usually utilized by humans.

**General Rules:**

The use of dogs is prohibited for this hunt.

Tag holders and their non-hunting companion must wear CDFW issued "blaze orange" vests while in the hunt area.

A wounded animal leaving the hunt area to private property may not be pursued by the tag holder once it leaves CDFW land. A Department employee **may** be able to assist you in contacting the property owner to obtain permission for access.

The tag holders shall surrender his/her tag to an employee of CDFW for any or all of the following reasons:

- (a) Any act which violates any of the provisions of the CDFW Code or any regulations of the Commission,
- (b) Any act which endangers the person or property of others.

**The decision of CDFW shall be final.**

Our goal is to assure that you have a safe and enjoyable hunting experience. If you need information as you plan for your hunt please contact Patrick Graham or Orlando Rocha at Grizzly Island Wildlife Area (707) 425-3828 or Mr. Joe Hobbs, Elk Program Coordinator, at (916) 445-9992. Thank you for your cooperation. We hope you have a successful hunt. Good luck!